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FEDERAL GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS

Columbia, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney Bill Nettles announced today that a Federal Grand Jury sitting in Charleston, South Carolina, has returned the following indictments:

Twenty Indicted for Identity Theft and False Statements

Charleston, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney William N. Nettles stated today that twenty individuals were indicted over the past month for misusing Social Security numbers and making false statements on I-9 employment forms. Indicted are Milder Herrera Cano, age 28, Mateo Luna Castellanos, age 26, Aurelio Barrios Cobon, age 26, Norma Juarez-Cruz, age 25, Willian I. Garcia, age 34, Alfonso Pedraza Hernandez, age 28, Antonio Maceda, age 28, Felipe Santamaria Morales, age 27, Javier Lomeli Olivarez, age 47, Juan Racancoj, age 43, Walyn Cano Solis, age 33, Agustin Garcia Villa, age 26, all of North Charleston; Luis M.

Doroteo, age 34, of Charleston; Pedro Carrillo Funes, age 50, Mateos Abel Lopez, age 28, Misael Hernandez Morales, age 27, Joel Valentin Ramos, age 26, Ussiel Morales Soto, age 33, all of Hanahan; Genaro Guerrero, age 32, of Johns Island; and, Augusto V. Velasquez, age 40.

All defendants were indicted for providing false information on a Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification, which is the form Department of Homeland Security requires for employment. The false information included using false Social Security numbers and Alien Registration numbers. Both offenses carry a maximum of five years imprisonment.

The case was investigated by agents of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security. Assistant United States Attorney Nathan Williams of the Charleston office is prosecuting the cases.

All charges in the Indictments are merely accusations, and the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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